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Sir:

In compliance with the dictates of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant hereby reports the issuance of a supplementary European Search Report in the corresponding European application. A copy of that Search Report and the references cited therein, together with PTO Form 1449 listing each of the references is attached hereto. In accordance with MPEP § 609 III A(2), copies of US patent documents are not attached for applications filed after June 30, 2003 (MPEP Rev. 2, May 2004, page 600-128).

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, as evidenced by the date appearing on the European Search Report which is February 2, 2006.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

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